

## Fall Sports Retrospective

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**BOXER VOLLEYBALL IS BACK:** After spending a decade in relative obscurity in the conference, the Pacific volleyball program came back onto the Northwest Conference radar with their best record in over a decade. After winning no more than 10 matches a season since 1997, the Boxers posted a 14-9 record and finished fourth in the NWC standings. The finishes are the best for the Boxers since the 1996 campaign.

Pacific capped the year with a run that saw the Boxers win six of their last eight matches and remain in contention for a NCAA playoff right up until the end of the season. In the process, Pacific players set 23 individual records and 20 team records.

Setter Anela Iseke '08 capped a tremendous Pacific career with selection to the All-Northwest Conference First Team, Pacific's first selection since 1994, and the ACVA All-West Region Team. Iseke finished the season ranked 35th in the nation in assists and set six school records, including new season records for assists. Outside hitter Jill Peacock '08 earned Second Team All-NWC honors after leading the Boxers in hitting percentage.

**STANLEY RETIRES:** After leading Pacific volleyball to their best season in over a decade, Chris Stanley has announced that is retiring after five seasons with the Boxers. A national search is currently underway to hire Stanley's successor.

"I am grateful that I have been able to have an occupation and avocation for 35 years that I have been passionate about," Stanley said. "Pacific University volleyball is finally solid enough to be considered a regular conference championship contender. To me, this is the perfect time to pass the program on to another coach who can complete the job."

Stanley's retirement ends a 35-year journey that has seen him attain success at every level of the college game. Prior to Pacific, Stanley coached at Portland State and California. He was the Golden Bears' first intercollegiate women's volleyball coach and led Cal to national tournament berths in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

**WILLIAMS EARNS SOCCER HONORS:** Danny Williams '09 proved that he could continue to provide offensive punch for the Pacific men's soccer team. The junior was selected to the All-Northwest Conference Second Team after leading the Boxers with 10 goals and five game-winning goals. Williams, who stepped in the hole left by 2006 NWC Offensive Player of the Year Matt McDonough '07, finished third in the conference in goals, goals per game, points and points per game.

Defender Brandon Porter '10 earned Honorable Mention All-NWC honors after leading a Pacific defense that allowed just 20 goals against 262 shots attempted. The defense, with Porter in the central position, held opponents scoreless five times and held teams to one goal on five other occasions.

The two led a young Pacific men's soccer program that finished just two wins short of their total from last year with 17 newcomers on the roster. Pacific finished with an 8-7-2 record and fourth place in the NWC standings, their best conference finish since 1999.

**SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST:** The Pacific women's soccer program made their season by saving their best for last with a win that should build momentum for years to come. The Boxers closed out 2007 by scoring a 3-2 double overtime victory over NWC champion Puget Sound. The victory was the first for the Boxers all-time over the perennial conference power in 28 meetings. A pair of freshman, Lauren '10 and Ashley Kanda '10, scored the goals for the Boxers while freshman goalkeeper Sydney Vincent '11 made 21 saves.

The effort capped a season to small, but steady improvement under second year head coach Joy Boswell '98. Pacific finished with a 5-14-1 record. Meghan Fredette '08 earned Honorable Mention All-NWC honors for the second year in a row after scoring two goals and three assists.

**GOLFERS LINE UP FOR CONFERENCE RUNS:** A pair of strong fall seasons are lining the Pacific men's and women's golf teams up for spring runs at conference titles.

After failing to reach the pinnacle in 2007 after three straight crowns, the women's golf program served notice that they are back. The Boxers vaulted ahead in the NWC point standings by taking the team championship at the NWC Fall Classic in Pendleton. The Boxers accomplished the feat by placing four golfers in the top-six, led by a second place finish by Kelly Hartley '08.

The Pacific men, meanwhile, made a positive step towards their title hopes with a third place finish in the NWC Fall Classic. The Boxers benefited by a pair of top-five finishes in the tourney by Taryn Braseth '08 and Max Bonk '11. Conference titles in golf decided on a point system based on teams' finishes in the NWC Fall Classic, NWC Spring Classic and NWC Championships tournaments.

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